

“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE IN JESUS’ NAME?” (John 1:12)

A. Why Is the Concept of God’s Name So Important?

1. The name of the Lord is _____ (Ps. 111:9; Exod. 20:7), and to be _____ (Ps. 7:17).
2. The Lord Jesus Christ has been given the name that is _____ every name. (Phil. 2:9)
3. No _____ name has been given among men by which _____. (Acts 4:12)
4. The concept of the “name” is very prominent in _____, occurring _____.
5. John is the only biblical writer who instructs us to _____ in the _____ of Jesus Christ. (John 1:12; 2:23; 3:18; 1 John 3:23; 5:13)

** Why is this so important evangelistically?*

B. General Truth about Jesus’ Name

1. The name “Jesus” (*Iēsous*) was _____ and it means _____.
(Matt. 1:21)
2. The term *Iēsous* in Greek comes from the Hebrew name _____, which is a compound word from the Hebrew name for the Lord, _____, and the Hebrew verb for “save,” _____.

** What name would the Lord Jesus most likely have been called in Israel?*

** How common was this name during our Lord’s earthly lifetime?*

** What does this mean evangelistically when it comes to believing in His name?*

C. Understanding the Biblical Use of the “Name” for the Person

1. When it comes to *human* names in the Bible, people were often named or renamed based on some distinguishable _____ of their _____ or _____.
(Gen. 3:20; 17:5, 15-16; 32:28; Ruth 1:20-21; John 1:42; Acts 4:36).
2. When it comes to God’s name in the Bible, it is also associated with His _____, _____, or _____ based on historical actions. (Ex. 9:16; John 2:9-11, 9:9-10; Jer. 16:19-21)

* *Why does the Bible say to trust in God’s name?* (Prov. 18:10; Isa. 50:10)

* *How does this apply to Jesus Christ?* (John 8:24, 28)

D. Is Belief in the Gospel of Christ Equivalent to Believing in Jesus’ Name?

1. In the _____ and _____ of the apostles in the Book of Acts, the Lord’s “name” is equated with gospel content. (Acts 3:6, 12-16; 4:7-12, 18-20; 5:27-32)
2. The name of Christ and the gospel of Christ spoken of interchangeably in _____ passages. (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-47; Rom. 15:19-21)
3. The name of Christ and the gospel are spoken of interchangeably with respect to _____.
(Acts 20:22-24; 21:12-13 cf. John 15:20-21; 3 John 7)
4. In John’s usage, the Lord Jesus’ “name” encompasses His redemptive _____ because we are said to be _____ because of His name. (1 John 2:12 cf. 1:7; 2:2)
5. The “name” of Christ is also equated with the gospel by virtue of the fact that believing in either one results in _____. (John 1:12; 1 Cor. 4:15)